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### NAVY MAN FORMALLY CHARGED IN DEATH OF MARINE

**Norfolk, Va. (CNRMA)** – The Navy today brought formal charges against Petty Officer 3rd Class Cooper Jackson in the case of a missing Marine found dead Jan. 13, 2006 in Currituck County, N. C.

Jackson has been charged with four offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) in the murder of Marine Corporal Justin L. Huff who was reported missing Jan. 2, 2006, after failing to report for class at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center in Virginia Beach.

An investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) led special agents to Jackson. Jackson has been held in the Navy Brig at Naval Station Norfolk since Jan. 13, 2006. Huff and Jackson were students attending different courses at the military intelligence training center.

Jackson has been charged with:

- ❑ pre-meditated murder
- ❑ kidnapping
- ❑ impersonating an NCIS agent
- ❑ obstruction of justice

The charges are accusations. The accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty at a court-martial.

A date for Jackson's Article 32 hearing has not yet has been set. An Article 32 hearing is similar to a preliminary hearing in the civilian justice system.

The details of Huff's disappearance and death remain under investigation by NCIS special agents.

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**Additional information on this case, including updated background and previous media releases may be found on-line at [www.cnrma.navy.mil/newsroom](http://www.cnrma.navy.mil/newsroom). Further questions may be directed to Beth Baker or Jim Moir at (757) 322-2853.**